



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Bradford G. Ackerman et al.
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Silica Glass

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. In Figure 1, previously omitted reference number 2 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes